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**October 3, 2019**

## **The Germantown Oktoberfest is Back!**

**Saturday, October 5 10:00am – 3:00pm**

**Location: throughout the town's center**

***free shuttle from Montgomery College's Germantown campus 9:00am-2:00pm!***

### **Event's History**

The Germantown Oktoberfest was founded 37 years ago by a small group of Germantown residents, one of whom was a county employee. With some early assistance from the county relating mostly to logistics, the event flourished and grew. Food, music, family activities, a beer garden with Bavarian dancers, and a wandering accordion player filled the day. In the early days of the event, hot air balloons provided rides from Germantown to Clarksburg. After revised air space restrictions were instituted, everyone looked forward to dusk when several hot air balloons stayed grounded but added a beautiful glow to the event. The founders had two goals in mind when they visualized the Oktoberfest. The first was to create a sense of community for those living in the greater Germantown area by involving residents and businesses in the planning and execution of the event. The second was to select a charitable cause as beneficiary of the profits derived from the various activities provided. In both cases these goals were achieved in those early days with an average attendance of 10,000 and over \$150,000 having been raised for the annual beneficiaries. After many years of celebrating in the open field where the town center now stands, the event looked for a new home and was held in several different locations --- Ridge Road Park, Seneca State Park, and even in the adjacent community of Clarksburg however, Oktoberfest has now returned to its original home ---- the center of town.



### **Today**

The community has come back together to build on Germantown's community identity and local camaraderie. Two local nonprofits, the Germantown Alliance and Peace of Hearts, have joined forces to bring a family-friendly Oktoberfest back to the area.

The event will kick off with a parade starting in the center of town at 10:00am sharp and it will continue down Century Boulevard from Middlebrook Road to Aircraft Drive. Featured will be 30 units, including high school marching bands, cheerleaders, historical groups, elected officials, etc. County Councilmember Craig Rice, who represents Germantown, is the grand marshal. Fox 5 news anchor Wisdom Martin will be announcing from the grandstand in front of the BlackRock Center for the Arts, located at 12901 Town Commons Drive, and a presentation from the Montgomery County Council will take place with Councilmember Evan Glass on BlackRock's outdoor stage at 11:30am. The Germantown Community Flea Market will set up shop in the MARC rail commuter lot at Germantown Road and Bowman Mill Drive from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Other Oktoberfest festivities begin at 11:00am after the parade and will include a beer garden, vendors, and live music at BlackRock Center for the Arts. In addition, the Salvation Army will host a bounce house, inflatables and children's activities at 20021 Aircraft Drive. The Montgomery County Police Department is hosting an open house at 20000 Aircraft Drive. The Germantown Volunteer Fire Department, located at 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, will also open its doors for tours, rescue demonstrations, children's activities and more. Look for other activities at the Greene Turtle, 19961 Century Boulevard, and the Germantown Library at 19840 Century Boulevard.



## OKTOBERFEST PARADE 10:00 AM

Century Blvd, ending at Aircraft  
Drive

Emceed by Fox 5 news anchor  
Wisdom Martin!



## FREE SHUTTLE

Free Parking & Shuttle from  
Montgomery College German-  
town Campus & Holiday Inn  
Express parking lots to Centu-  
ry Blvd.

## THANK YOU

A world of thanks to ALL the  
residents, businesses, organizations,  
& schools who have made this event  
possible!

#GERMANTOWNOKTOBERFEST  
#OGP

**BREWS. FOOD. FUN  
LIVE BANDS. OKTOBERFEST PARADE**

## FESTIVITIES

**11:00 AM—3:00 PM**

### BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Vendors!  
Beer Garden  
Live Bands  
Open House with indoor activities  
Photo Booth  
Giveaways  
HOT 99.5

### THE GREENE TURTLE

Beer and Food Specials  
German DJ  
Giveaways

### GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tour of Fire Station  
Check out Fire Trucks  
Meet the Fire Fighters  
Rescue Demos  
Kids Activities  
Shadowland Laser Adventures Trailer

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLCE DEPARTMENT GERMANTOWN & GERMANTOWN LIBRARY

Open House

### SALVATION ARMY

Open House  
Bounce House/Inflatable  
Food and Drinks  
Kids Activities  
Disaster Unit Truck (Free Coffee and Water)

### COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

MARC Rail commuter lot  
Germantown Rd and Bowman Mill Dr.  
8:00a-1:00p  
Sponsored by Germantown Historical Society  
and Scout Troup 1325

There will be many participating local  
Germantown businesses that will have  
specials & discounts, so this is the day  
to Shop, Eat, & Drink Local!



**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board  
Joint Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 7 7:00pm  
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: County's Resource Recovery Facility (Incinerator) in Dickerson**

*Guest: Patrice Bubar, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Dept. of Environment Protection*

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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**FY2021 Budget Forums  
7:00pm – 8:30pm  
(see list for locations)**

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding the first of five budget forums on Monday, Oct. 7, to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at 7:00pm at the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center. Follow us #MoCoBudget21.

- [Monday, Oct 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Wheaton Library/Recreation Center, 11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton.](#)
- [Monday, Oct 21. 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda.](#)
- [Wednesday, Oct 30. 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.](#)
- [Thursday, Nov 7. 7 - 8:30 p.m. - BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.](#)
- [Wednesday, Nov 13. 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.](#)

The County Executive will announce his Recommended FY21 Operating Budget on March 16. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May. Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY21 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget21.



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## Davis Mill Road Now Open to Traffic Pending Repairs

After a two-week closure between its two intersections with Wildcat Road, Davis Mill Road in Germantown has partially re-opened to traffic.

MCDOT [closed](#) the road on August 28 on determining it was no longer safe for vehicular traffic due to embankment erosion. After reviewing the site and possible engineering solutions, it was determined that one lane of Davis Mill Road was sound enough to carry traffic. The Department has since coordinated the placement of two timed traffic lights at either end of the impacted stretch of Davis Mill Road which permit traffic to utilize the single open lane. The lights are timed in three-minute intervals.

This bypass will remain in effect until the road can be repaired. MCDOT continues to engineer a design solution for this stretch of Davis Mill Road.



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## Community Service Month September 11 through October 31

Join residents across the area for Montgomery County's annual celebration of volunteerism—Community Service Month, which begins on Wednesday, Sept. 11, and runs through October. By engaging in one or more volunteer activities during the event, you'll be part of a larger movement demonstrating the power and joy of serving others.

Choose a date-specific volunteer project from our [September](#) or [October calendar](#) or sort through the hundreds of [ongoing volunteer opportunities](#) using our website search filters to find the volunteer activities that are most meaningful to you. Learn more at [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org)

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## African American Health Program Sponsors Aging Information Exchange Summit

Thursday, October 10 10:00am- 2:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Building  
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring  
(Doors open at 9:30am)

County residents are invited to attend the African American Health Program's free Aging Information Exchange Summit where attendees will find information and resources to support living in place as one ages.

Dr. Marie Bernard, Deputy Director of the National Institutes on Aging (NIA) will be the keynote speaker. She will provide an overview of research supported by the NIA, with a focus on findings relevant to older African Americans.

An information and resource fair will host area organizations and businesses that support older residents; it will include free health screenings for body mass index (BMI), blood pressure and blood glucose.

Parking is available in the adjacent Ellsworth Drive parking garage. The event is free, but registration is required. Call 240-777-1202 or [register online](#). Light refreshments will be provided.

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*Montgomery Parks presents . . .*

### Toast to Taste

Saturday, October 12 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Germantown Town Center Urban Park  
19840 Century Boulevard, Germantown  
\$30 Advance Tickets | \$35 Day Of

[Toast to Taste](#), the first-ever beer and food festival hosted by Montgomery Parks is coming to [Germantown Town Center Urban Park](#). This one-of-a-kind event combines some of the best that Montgomery County has to offer – great local breweries, gourmet paired food, and amazing Parks. Join your fellow foodies (*ages 21 and older*) to sip, savor, and enjoy delicious food and local craft brews.

**Toast to Taste** highlights breweries that produce stellar independent craft beers right here in Montgomery County. This year's event features [True Respite Brewing Co.](#), [7 Locks Brewing](#), [Brawling Bear Brewing](#), [Waredaca Brewing Company](#), [Elder Pine Brewing & Blending Co](#) and [Simply Fresh Catering](#).

Toast to Taste will showcase signature brews paired with a mouth-watering tasting menu:

- Thai Chicken Skewers paired with Elder Pine's Asleep on the Forrest Floor
- Sour Berry Crostini paired with a Waredaca's 3-2-1 Gose Peach
- Chocolate Mousse Dessert Shot paired with True Respite's Scrum and Hooker
- Sausage Carving Station with Sauerkraut and Pickles paired with 7 Locks Kolsch
- Arancini (Fried Risotto ball) with Pimento Cheese Filling paired with Brawling Bear's First Punch Amber Ale

Guests will receive a souvenir glass, enjoy all five paired tasting stations, have an opportunity to mix and mingle with local brewers, and [enjoy the sounds of local musician and songwriter Mo Safren](#). [I'm in! Get tickets.](#)

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### MCDOT Seeks Innovators for MD 355 FLASH

[Learn about](#) MCDOT's Request for Information from firms that can help support cost-effective Bus Rapid Transit on MD Route 355 in Montgomery County.

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## Montgomery County Council to Host Youth Town Halls for Students

**Wednesday, October 30 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Clarksburg High School Auditorium**  
[22500 Wims Rd. in Clarksburg](#)

**Wednesday, November 13 7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**Wheaton High School Auditorium**  
[12401 Dalewood Dr. in Silver Spring](#)

*Doors open at 6:30pm for a pre-meeting pizza reception for students and Councilmembers in the school's cafeteria.*

*Students throughout the County are encouraged to share their views with Councilmembers and earn student service learning hours*

The Montgomery County Council will host two youth town halls to learn more about the issues impacting young people in the County. The youth town hall and pre-meeting reception provides students with a chance to meet their local representatives and to ask questions and get information about the issues that matter to them. At the pre-meeting reception, Councilmembers will visit with students and their family members. In addition, Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's Education Committee, will announce the winner of the Councilmember for a Day challenge at the November 13<sup>th</sup> town hall at Wheaton High School.

Montgomery County Board of Education leadership will participate in the October 30<sup>th</sup> town hall at Clarksburg High School. Students also can earn student service learning (SSL) hours from MCPS for attending the youth town hall meeting. Clarksburg High School is located at [22500 Wims Rd. in Clarksburg](#). Clarksburg High School has ample parking, but carpooling is encouraged.

Wheaton High School is located at [12401 Dalewood Dr. in Silver Spring](#). The nearest Metro stop is Glenmont and the public can take the route #10 RideOn bus, which stops in front of the school. RideOn route #33 also stops in front of the school. Parking is also available.

Students from public and private schools from around the County and students from local colleges are encouraged to express their views on any aspect of their education, programs that impact students or public policy issues that impact their daily lives. They also are encouraged to ask questions of the Councilmembers. Susan Kenedy, senior producer and communications specialist for the Council, and Crystal Park, community engagement specialist, will moderate the meeting.

The meetings will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 996 on Comcast, Channel 1056 on RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. The meeting also will be streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube ([FB.com/CountyCableMoco](#) and [YouTube.com/CountyCableMoCo](#)). Students can participate via social media using #MoCoYouth.

The Council is composed of President Nancy Navarro, Vice President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass, Tom Hucker, Will Jawando, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer.

If you need more information or have questions about the meeting, call 240-777-7931.

**Learn more by watching: [https://youtu.be/nT5F\\_Clwo2c](https://youtu.be/nT5F_Clwo2c)**

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## Goals Against Cancer

Montgomery County Police, Maryland State Police, Maryland National Capital Park Police and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue first responders play local soccer club coaches in annual event.

For details, visit <http://www.mdsoccerplex.org/goals-against-cancer/>

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## County Health Officials Announce Annual Flu Vaccination Campaign; Online Appointment System Available

County Health officials announced the dates for the annual flu vaccination campaign and urged residents to get a flu vaccination. Vaccination is the best way to protect against illness during flu season. Seasonal flu will also be circulating in the fall and winter and can cause serious illness.

Seasonal flu vaccinations will be readily available through private health providers, as well as at retail locations throughout the community. County-sponsored seasonal flu vaccination clinics will be held beginning in late October. Check the County's flu website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu) for information on flu vaccination. Anyone not wanting to get the flu should receive the seasonal flu vaccination, particularly the elderly, household members living with children younger than six months of age, health care workers and individuals with chronic illnesses.

Check the County's flu website—[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu) for locations, times, and more information.

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## County Health Officials Release Healthy Montgomery 2023 Goals; First County-Specific Goals Information and Data Available Online

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23487](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23487)

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Watch Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich's statement on Hispanic Heritage Month. ([English](#) / [Español](#))

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## MDOT SHA DISTRICT 3 PLANNED MAJOR LANE CLOSURES UPDATE

Beginning October 4

[https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3\\_LANE\\_CLOSURES.pdf](https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3_LANE_CLOSURES.pdf)

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### Ride On Announces Long-Term Bus Route Modifications

Ride On regularly assesses the need for service improvements and adjustments, and makes changes when needed. The [following routes](#) have been modified to address long-term detours due to construction activities:

#### **Routes [79](#) & [73](#) Gateway Center Drive**

- Route 79 to Clarksburg: from 355, right on Clarksburg Road, left on Gateway Center Drive, back on route.
- Route 73 to Clarksburg: stay on Stringtown Road, left on 355, left on Clarksburg Road, left on Gateway Center Drive, back on route. Detour planned until June 2020.

#### **Route [73](#)**

- Starting on January 28, 2020, through June 2020, Route 73 will detour to avoid construction at Clarksburg Road and W. Old Baltimore Road. Use Clarksburg Road to Broadway Avenue to Bryne Park Drive to Clarksburg Road. Detour planned until June 2020.
- Route 73 will use Broadway Avenue to Bryne Park Road back on Clarksburg Road to MD 355. Then go down to MD 355 turn left then left onto Clarksburg Road and layover at Clarksburg Road and Gateway Center Drive to start trips to Shady Grove due to the circle being closed. Detour planned until June 2020.

Subscribe to text messages by texting MONTGOMERY RIDEON to 468311, to receive service alerts to your mobile phone.

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### **What to do with E-Scooters Found on County Sidewalks**

MCDOT's agreement with e-bike and e-scooter companies states that these vehicles cannot be parked in the right-of-way and cannot interfere with pedestrian or traffic operations, or access to driveways, crosswalks, ADA ramps, pedestrian walkways, bus stops, fire hydrants, private property or businesses. Residents are free to move inappropriately parked vehicles out of the way. Or, contact the vendor directly (labels with a phone and website are on each vehicle) or call County [311](#).

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## Celebrating October as 'Energy Action Month'

Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection will spend more than four weeks spreading its messages to help protect the environment and lower energy costs in October for Energy Action Month. Attend one of the Energy Roadshows that help answer all types of question on how to lower energy usage and save money. [Learn more](#)

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## New Maryland Laws Became Effective October 1

Hundreds of new laws took effect including a [pedestrian safety bill](#) that increases the maximum fine for drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians from \$500 to \$1,000 and a bill that increases the severity of [penalties for drunk and drugged driving](#) offenses. Learn more about these and many of the [other new laws](#).

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## Montgomery County Public Libraries to Participate in 5th Annual Maryland STEM Festival

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will participate in the fifth Maryland STEM Festival taking place Oct. 11 through Nov. 10. The Festival is a statewide celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). MCPL's 21 branches will offer more than 25 free, [exciting STEM programs](#) for kids and adults throughout the month-long Festival.

A sampling of activities will include:

- Robotics Demonstration
- Fun with Fluorescence
- Aviation Science
- Science and Stories: Playing with Polymers
- STEM Storytime
- Coding

For a list of events scheduled in Montgomery County including MCPL, visit [full listing of Festival events](#). More information and video about the Maryland STEM Festival is available on the [website](#). For more information about MCPL programs, contact Christine Freeman at 240-777-0105.

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**For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)